



Valley Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Dear Friend in Christ,

I am happy to share with you this Sunday the third installment of my Lenten sermon series, “We Were There: Lenten Edition,” developed in consultation with Lola Kiser. We adapted the first-person format of Valley’s lovely Advent devotional book, “We Were There,” picking out fourteen eyewitnesses to Holy Week. Some of their voices will be in our Holy Week devotional, and some are in this sermon series. Today’s voice is that of Simon of Cyrene, whose presence is only fleetingly mentioned in the Good Friday narrative, but who produces one of the day’s many wrenching images—of him carrying Christ’s crossbeam.

Please use following phone numbers and links between 10:15am and 10:30am. You can join in one of two ways:

By computer, smart phone or tablet:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86757133623?pwd=OTFUQWJvU21MMmR6bkY5SitpelR1UT09>

By Phone: 1 (312) 626 6799 ID 867 5713 3623, Passcode 205879

(If you need a live link to the Worship link, you can go to the homepage of our website at www.vccbhm.org with the passcode 205879 OR click on “Links to Zoom” then the Sunday Worship link.)

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Christ’s and yours,
Pastor Eric

Valley Christian Church

Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

PRELUDE

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We carry Jesus's death around in our bodies
so that His life can also be seen in our bodies
People: We who are alive are always being handed
over to death for Jesus's sake
Leader: So that Jesus's life can be seen in our bodies
that are both alive and dying
People: So death is at work in us, but life is also at
work in you

*Jim Taylor
Worship Leader*

(2 Corinthians 4:10-12, CEB)

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

*Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou biddest me to come to thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come*

*Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come*

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because thy promise I believe
O Lamb of God, I come, I come*

INVOCATION

*Jim Taylor
Worship Leader*

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Wise and knowing God, you comprehend what we cannot and understand what we can know only the tiniest bit of. We see the surface, but you see with right judgment. May you bless us with your truth now, that we may give up being satisfied with our surface-level understanding and seek a deeper grasp of your will for us. Out of that reliance on you, we pray to you for the people we have named aloud and the people and places who are in the silence of our souls, as we lift up to you the ones who we have named aloud at this time...

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

SPECIAL MUSIC

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Mary Ellen Caughran

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:16-25

*Jim Taylor
Worship Leader*

MESSAGE

"Simon of Cyrene"

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

HYMN

"What Wondrous Love is This"

*What wondrous love is this, o my soul, o my soul
What wondrous love is this, o my soul
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul*

*To God and to the lamb I will sing, I will sing
To God and to the lamb I will sing
To God and to the lamb who is the great I Am
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing
While millions join the theme, I will sing*

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on
And through eternity I'll sing on*

SHARING OUR OFFERING WITH GOD

Share your financial offering with the church by mail or bring it by the church office. Thank you for your love gifts.

*Jim Taylor
Worship Leader*

**OFFERTORY
PRAYER**

**CALL TO
COMMUNION**

May we remember that our walks of faith are sometimes easy and sometimes arduous, but that amid the unexpected, Christ can and will always sustain us.

**COMMUNION
HYMN**

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

*Go to dark Gethsemane all who feel the tempters power
Your redeemer's conflict see, watch him one bitter hour
Turn not from his griefs away
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray*

*Follow to the judgment hall, view the Lord of life
arraigned, o the wormwood and the gall!
O the pangs his soul sustained. Shun not suffering
Shame or loss, learn of him to hear the cross*

*Calvary's mournful mountain climb, there adoring at
his feet; mark the miracle of time
God's own sacrifice complete. "It is finished"
Hear the cry, learn of Jesus Christ to die*

**COMMUNION
PRAYER**

Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer

**WORDS OF
INSTITUTION**

Hear the words of Jesus when He said, "Take and eat, this is my body, broken for you. Take and drink, this is the cup of the covenant poured out for you."

As the Words of Institution are spoken, you are invited to partake in the bread and juice, or whatever is available to you.

BENEDICTION

May the Lord who puts your feet on the path of love and grace send you forth along that path, and may the blessing of the Lord be with you now and always amen.

POSTLUDE

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

You are warmly invited to remain in our Zoom worship space for some online fellowship time following the postlude.

*Jim Taylor
Worship Leader*

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

*Rev. John Gregory
Elder*

Rev. Dr. Eric Atcheson

*Margaret Cox
Pianist*

